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Sully Historic Site Hosts War of 1812 Muster

Gather at Sully Historic Site in Chantilly from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 20, 2006 for the War of 1812 Muster! In the early 19th century, military musters were a time of recruitment and training for the troops and socializing for civilians. After watching musket firing, take up a practice musket and drill with the troops. See the Navy exercise the great gun (a six pound cannon) and visit with the ship's surgeon to find out about early medical practices. Learn to tie knots used onboard ship. Members of the Maryland Light Dragoons will demonstrate how horses were used in battle.

You can also dance to early 19th century tunes, play period games and make a cornhusk soldier or sailor. Enjoy *Sunny's Adventures in the War of 1812* – a puppet show written especially for presentation at Sully.

Visit the open hearth kitchen and experience the sights and smells as picnic foods are prepared. At the slave quarter, learn the role of African Americans on a Federal period gentleman's farm and their valiant service in the War of 1812. Tour the 1794 house and hear about Richard Bland Lee's role in forming the new United States Government.

Lunch and snacks will be available for purchase.

The cost is \$6 for adults and \$4 for children. For information, call Sully at 703-437-1794.

Sully Historic Site is located on Route 28 in Chantilly, VA. From the Beltway (495) take either I66 west to Route 28 North or the Dulles Toll Road to exit 9A (Route 28 South).

Media Note: Photos are available for download at
<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully/mediaphotos.htm>.

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